

# Rubrics for Self-Assessment

## Biographical Essay

Evaluate your biographical essay using one of the following rubrics:

### Biographical Essay—4-point rubric

	Audience and Purpose	Organization	Elaboration	Use of Language
<b>Score 4</b>	Contains details that engage the audience; a main idea is clearly presented	Organizes events to create an interesting story; strong transitions help to link words and ideas	Contains rich details that shape vivid characters; contains dialogue that develops characters	Demonstrates excellent sentence and vocabulary variety; contains very few errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation
<b>Score 3</b>	Contains some details that appeal to an audience; tells a complete story	Presents a clear sequence of events; has organization, although occasional lapses may occur	Contains details and dialogue that develop characters and describe setting but some vague words	Demonstrates adequate sentence and vocabulary variety; includes few errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation
<b>Score 2</b>	Contains few details that appeal to an audience; attempts to tell a story but does not do so completely	Presents a confusing sequence of events; disorganized and not easy to follow	Contains limited details to develop characters or setting	Inconsistent control of sentence structures and vocabulary; includes many errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation
<b>Score 1</b>	Is not written for a specific audience; little or no attempt is made to tell the story	Lacks organization and is confusing and difficult to follow	Contains few or no details to develop characters or setting; no dialogue provided	Demonstrates poor use of language; creates confusion through errors in spelling, grammar, and punctuation

### Biographical Essay—5-point rubric

Criteria	Rating Scale				
	Not Very				Very
<b>Focus:</b> How clear is your purpose?	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Organization:</b> How effectively organized is the sequence of events?	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Support/Elaboration:</b> How well developed are the characters and setting?	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Style:</b> How clear and fluent are your sentences?	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Conventions:</b> How accurate is your use of spelling, grammar, and punctuation?	1	2	3	4	5

#### General Resources

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